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NODE RELAY TRANSMISSION METHOD USED IN THE SAME AND PROGRAM

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed November 22, 2004, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group II (2-29, 38-62, 70-81, 86-113, 120-122 and 125-127, drawn to routing a signal based on metrics), for continued examination.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Consideration and allowance of the application is respectfully solicited.

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